



# Motivating Holographic quantum error correcting codes

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# Outline

- History of tensor networks in holography
- Bulk boundary locality and QECC
- Perfect tensors
- Holographic codes (local bulk reconstruction)
- Holographic states (RT saturation)
- Conclusions + Open problems

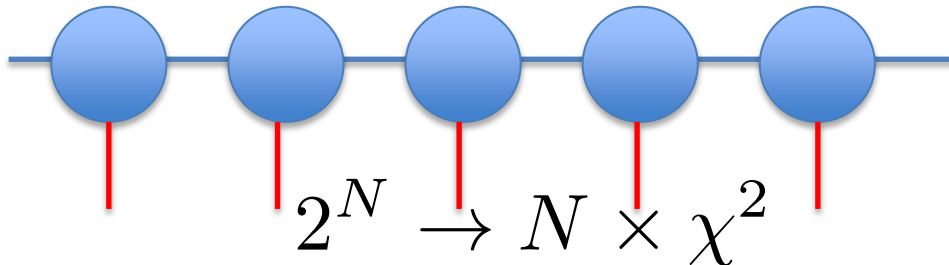
# Tensor network states in

condensed matter

## Compression based on **entanglement area laws**

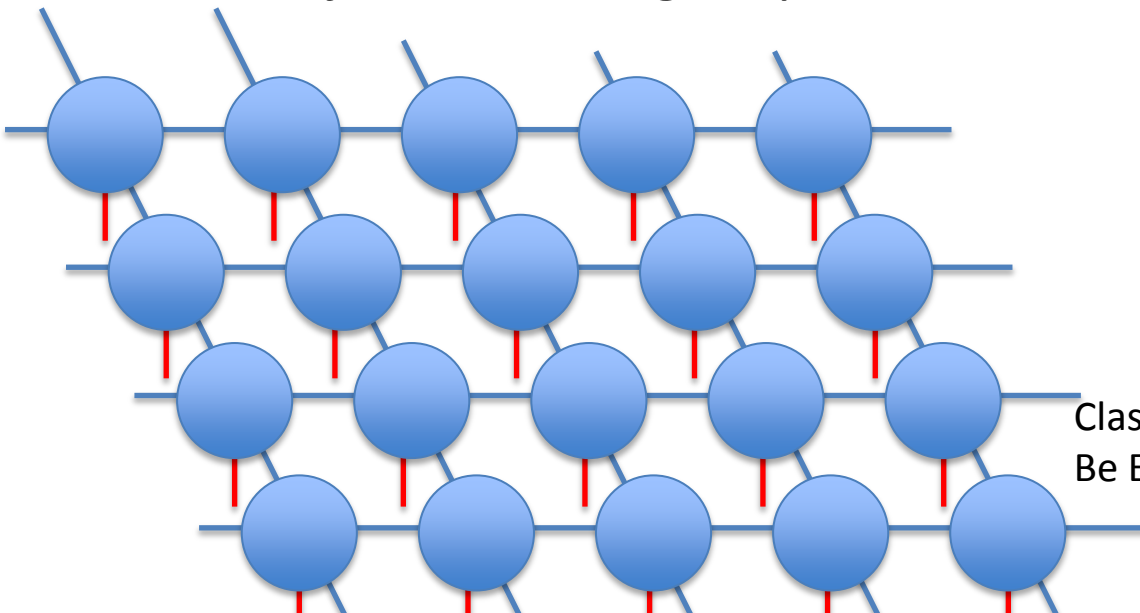
MPS = Matrix product state representations

Perez-Garcia, D.; Verstraete, F.; Wolf, M.M. (2008).

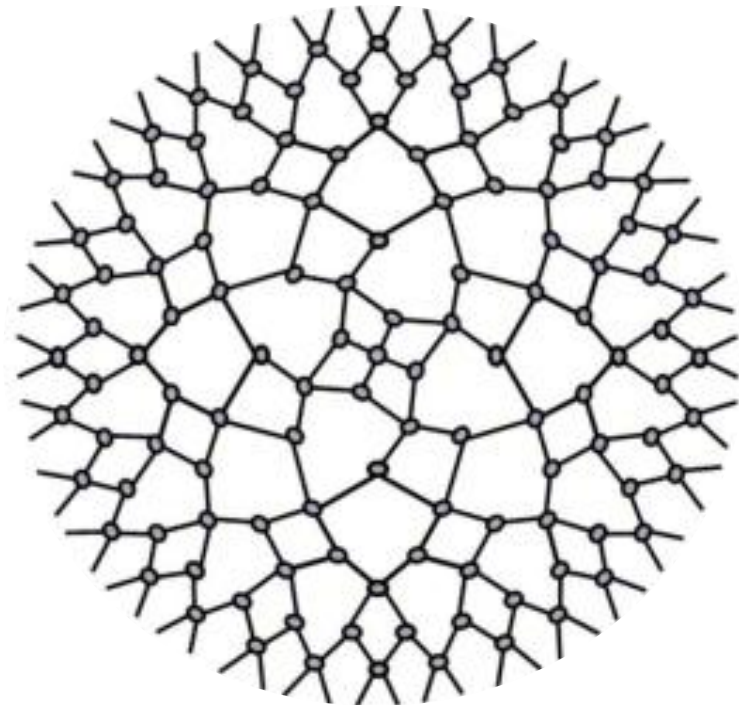


$$2^N \rightarrow N \times \chi^2$$

PEPS = Projected entangled pair states

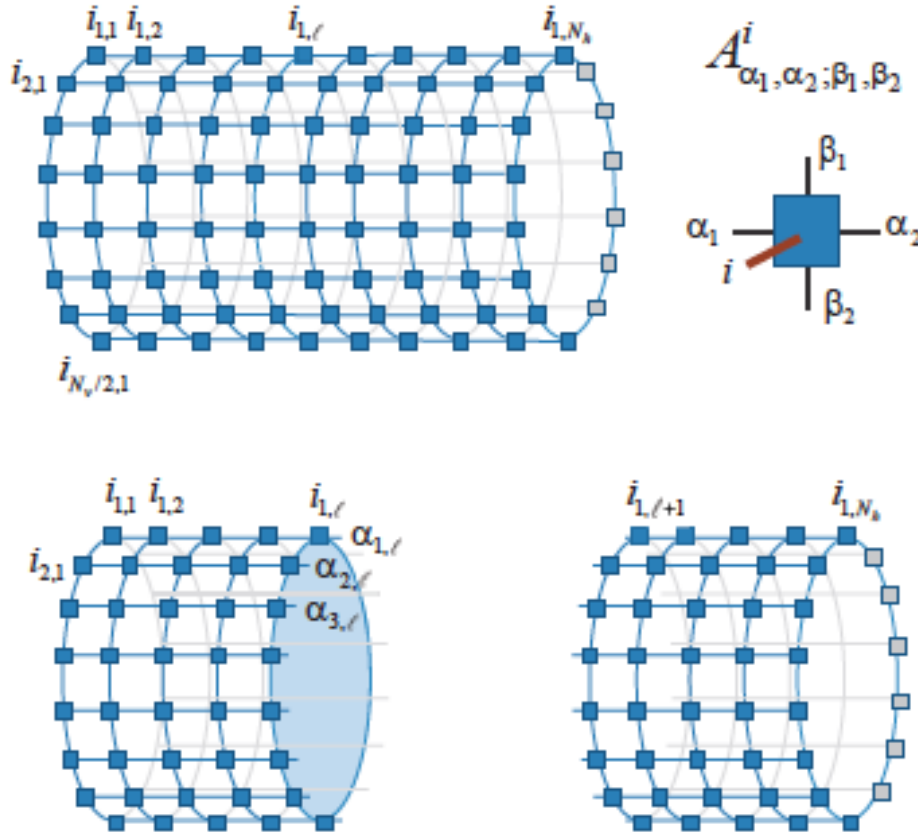


MERA



Class of Quantum Many-Body States That Can Be Efficiently Simulated Guifre Vidal (2008)

# Entanglement spectrum & boundary theories in PEPS



- Entanglement spectrum as thermal state of "Boundary Hamiltonian"
- Quantum criticality => Non-local Hamiltonian.

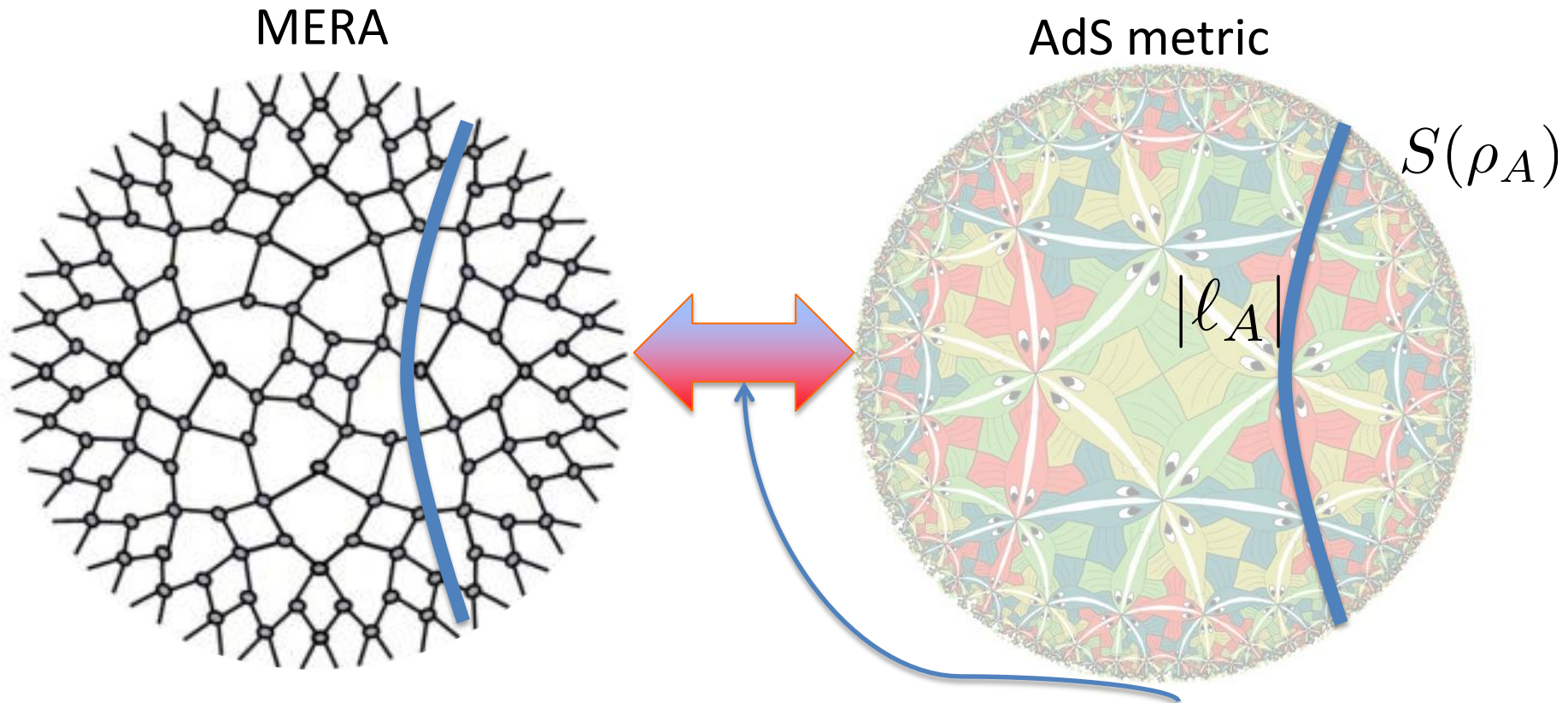
Entanglement Hamiltonian = Modular Hamiltonian

Entanglement spectrum and boundary theories with projected entangled-pair states. Cirac, J. I., Poilblanc, D., Schuch, N., & Verstraete, F. (2011).

# Ryu-Takayanagi

Holographic Derivation of Entanglement Entropy from AdS/CFT (2006)

## Minimal surface = entanglement entropy

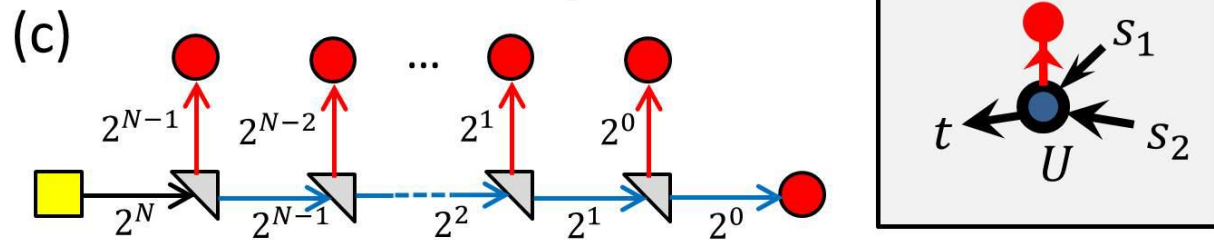
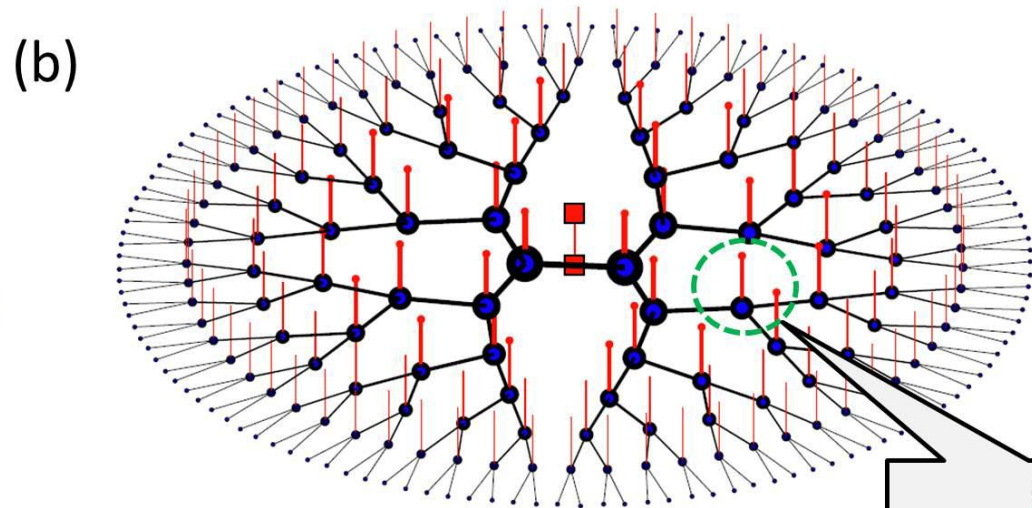
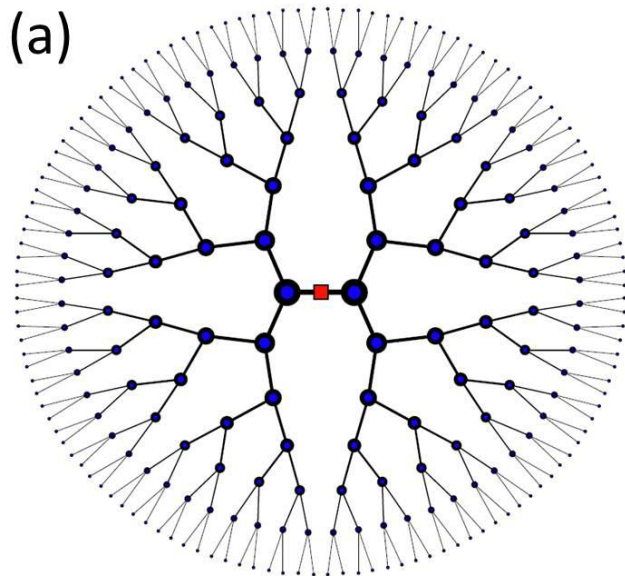


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Entanglement renormalization and holography Brian Swingle (2012)

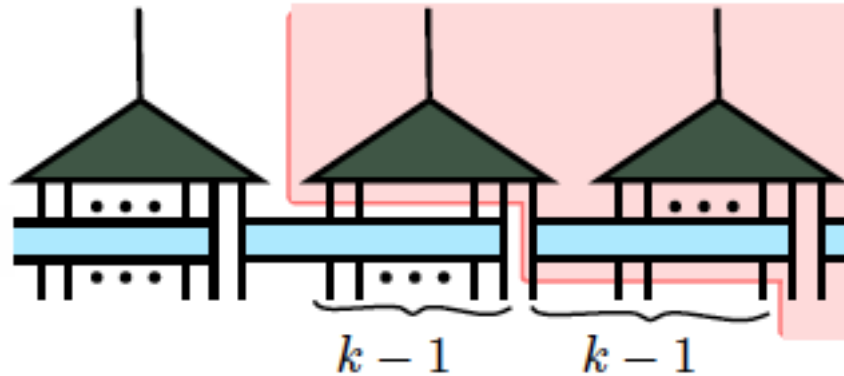
# Holography from tensor networks ( network as the Isomorphism )

Bulk boundary Isomorphism  $\mathcal{H}_{Bulk} \equiv \mathcal{H}_{Bdy}$

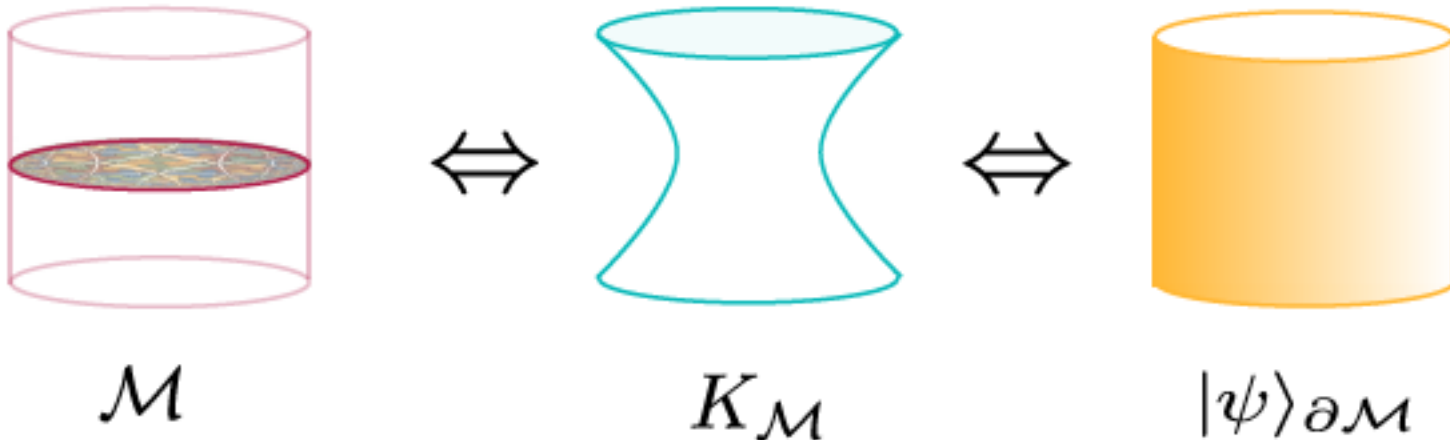


Exact Holographic Mapping Xiao-Liang Qi (2013)

# AdS/MERA Criticis

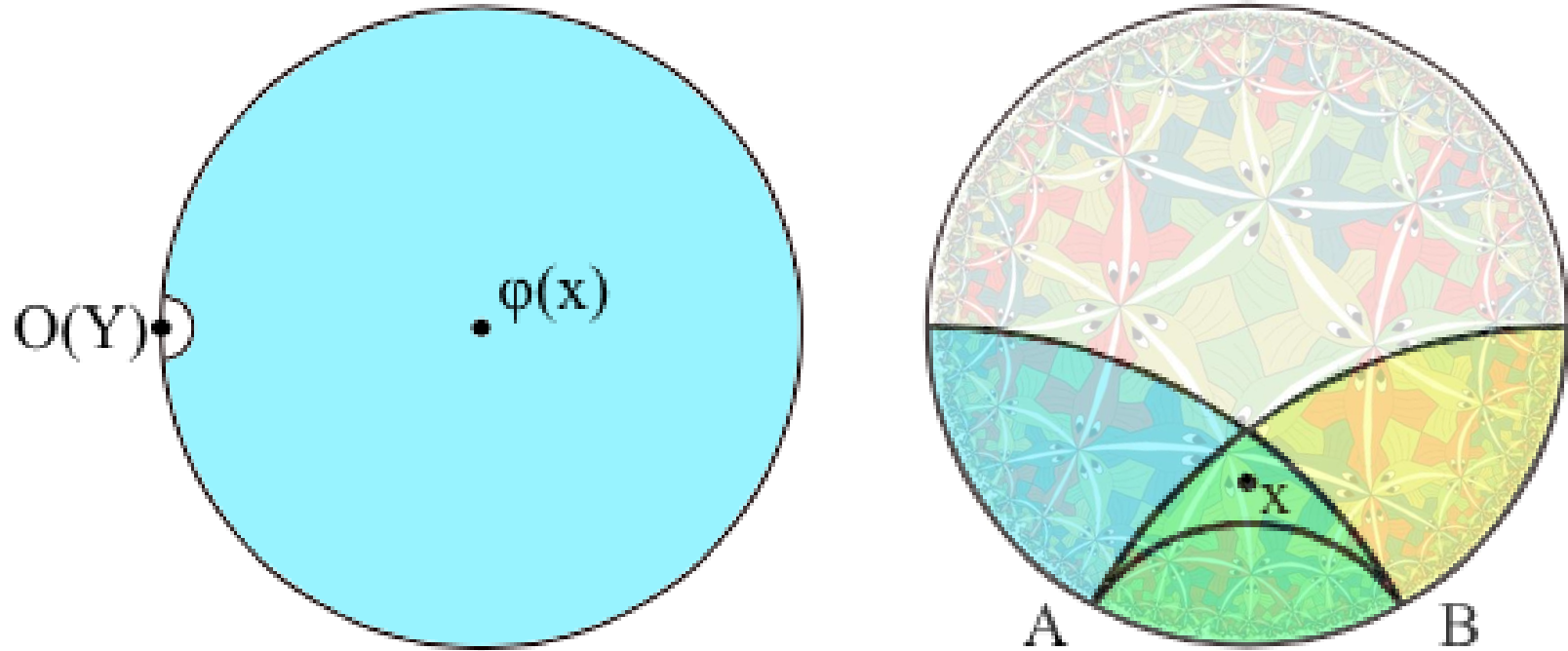


Consistency conditions for an AdS/MERA correspondence. Bao, N., et al. (2015).



Integral Geometry and Holography Czech, B., et al. (2015)

# Bulk/Boundary locality and QECC



$$\phi(x)|\omega\rangle \rightarrow \Phi_A|\Omega\rangle = \Phi_B|\Omega\rangle$$

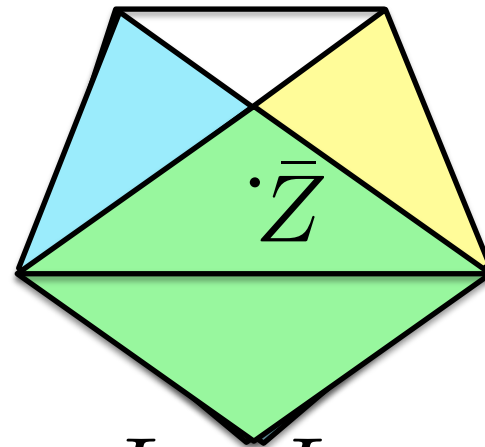
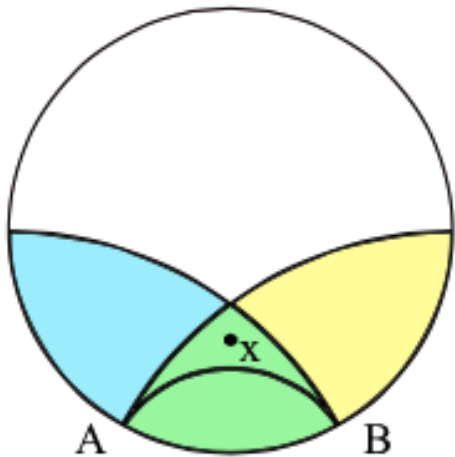
## Multiple AdS-Rindler reconstructions on CFT

Bulk locality and quantum error correction in AdS/CFT. Almheiri, A., Dong, X., & Harlow, D. (2015)



## 2) QECC: Encoder = Isometry

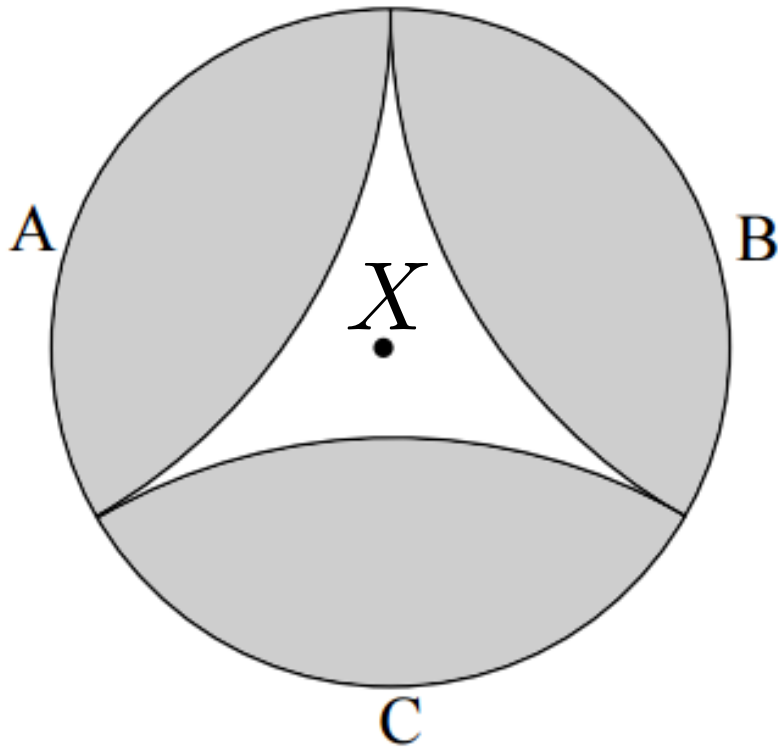
AdS/CFT	QECC
Bulk (AdS) operators	Logical operators
CFT operator(s)	Physical operator(s)
AdS-Rindler reconstruction	Systematic sub-region physical realization of logical operators



$$\tilde{Z} = X \otimes Z \otimes Z \otimes I \otimes I$$

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# Sharpening the paradox



$$A \cup B \cup C = \text{Boundary}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \omega & & X\omega X^\dagger \\ \updownarrow & & \updownarrow \\ \rho \neq \tilde{X}\rho\tilde{X}^\dagger & = & \sigma \end{array}$$

$$\rho_A = \sigma_A$$

$$\rho_B = \sigma_B$$

$$\rho_C = \sigma_C$$

$$\rho_{BC} \neq \sigma_{BC}$$

$$\rho_{CA} \neq \sigma_{CA}$$

$$\rho_{AB} \neq \sigma_{AB}$$

Information in non-local correlations like QECC.

# Error correction condition

$$\mathcal{E}nc : \mathcal{H}_{logical} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{physical}$$

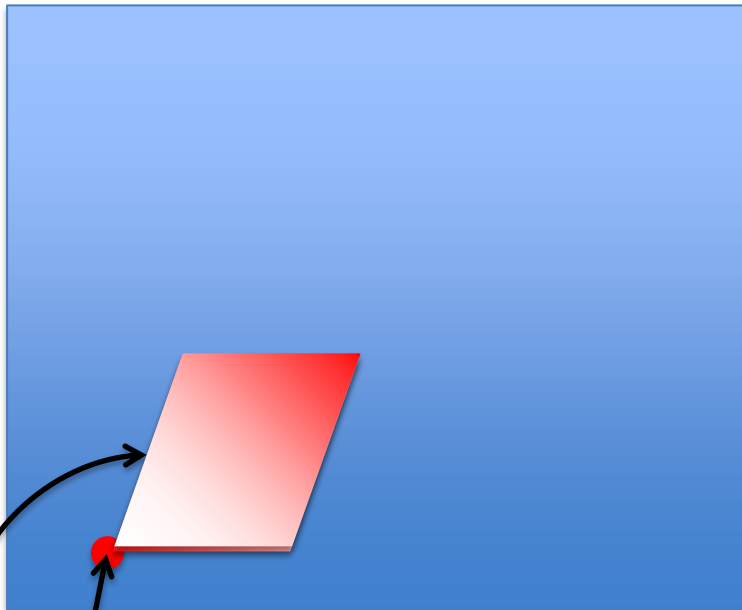
$$\mathcal{N}oise : \mathcal{H}_{physical} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{physical}$$

$$\mathcal{D}ec : \mathcal{H}_{physical} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{logical}$$

$$\mathcal{D}ec \circ \mathcal{N}oise \circ \mathcal{E}nc(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|) = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$$

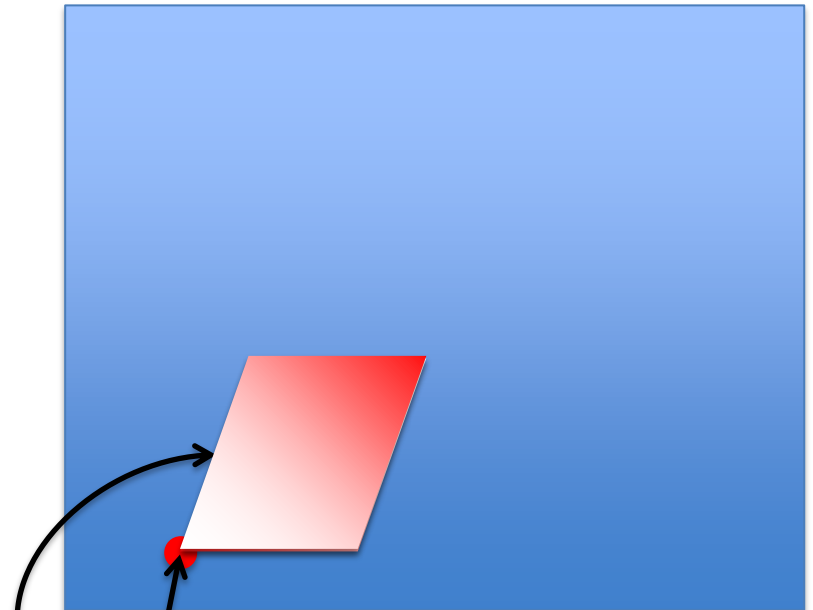
# Where is the full Hilbert space?

## Bulk Hilbert space



State with static AdS geometry.  
Fixed background geometry  
“low-energy” subspace

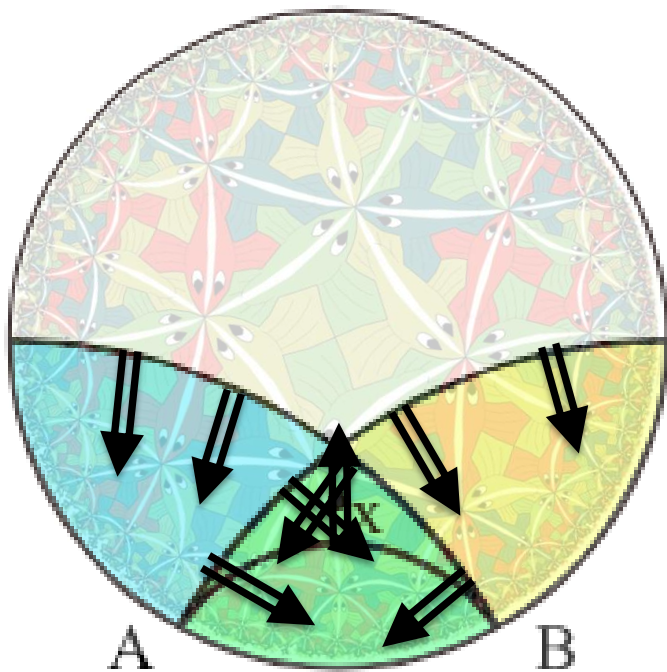
## Boundary Hilbert space



CFT ground state.  
Code space  
subspace within CFT HS

# 1) Manifest need for Bulk “Isotropy”

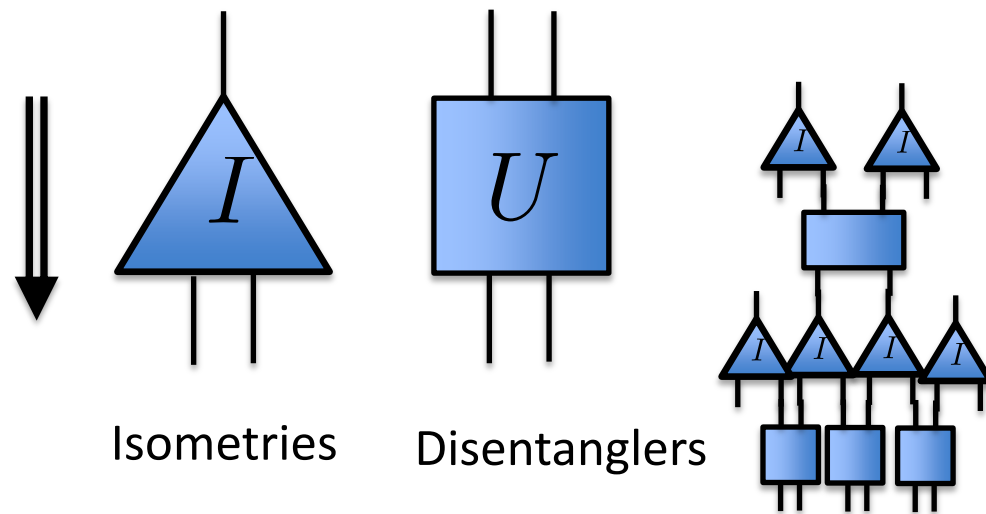
**Isotropy:** In bulk, all directions are created equal.



**Isometry:** Preserves inner product

## MERA tensors

preferred renormalization direction

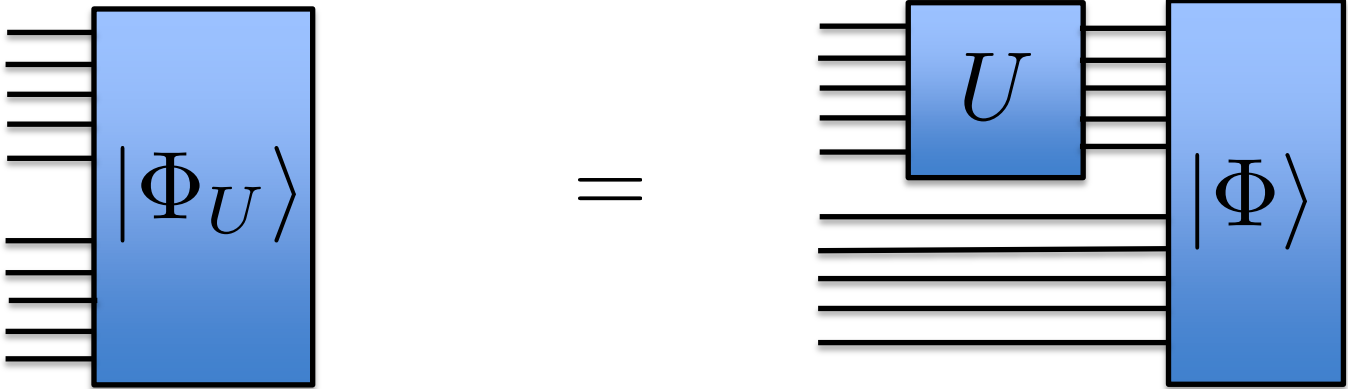


Isometries

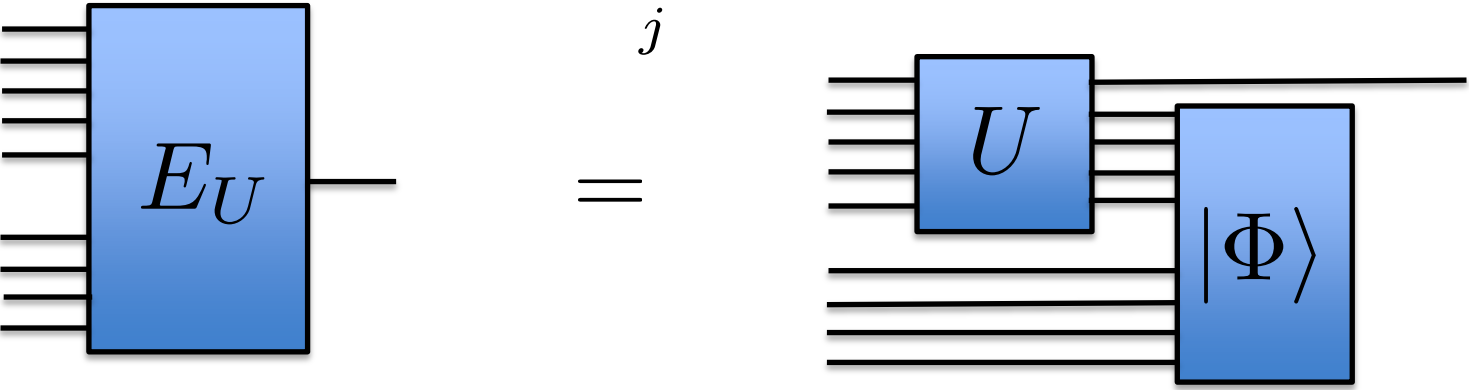
Disentangler

$$\langle \psi | \phi \rangle = \langle \psi | I^\dagger I | \phi \rangle$$

# Maximally entangled = Isometry



$$|\Phi\rangle = \sum_j |j, j\rangle$$



Choi-Jamiokowski Isomorphism

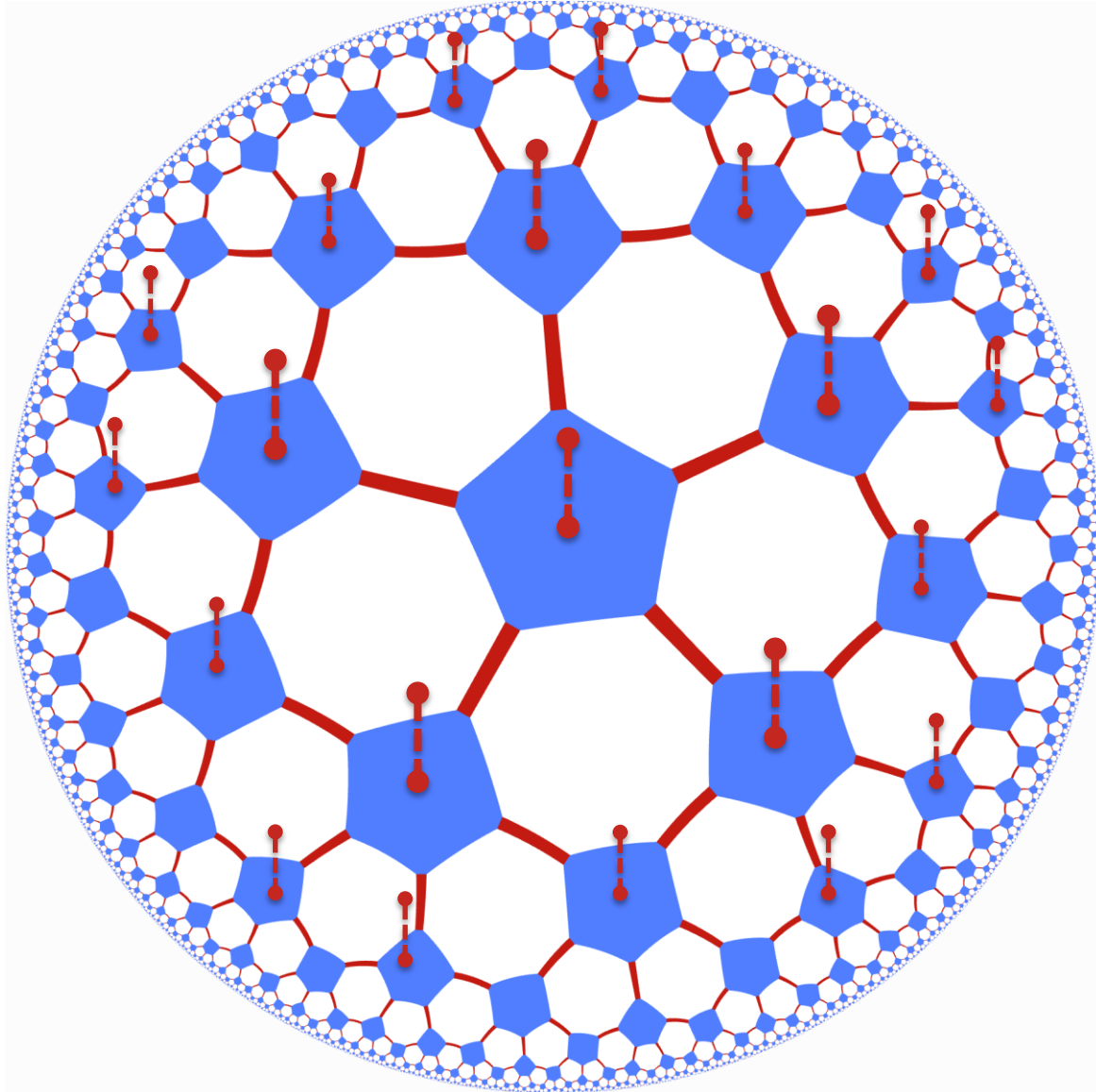
# Perfect tensors = absolutely maximally entangled (AME)

- Maximally entangled along **all possible** cuts
- Always proportional to unitary or **isometry**



# Holographic Code

(example lattice choice)



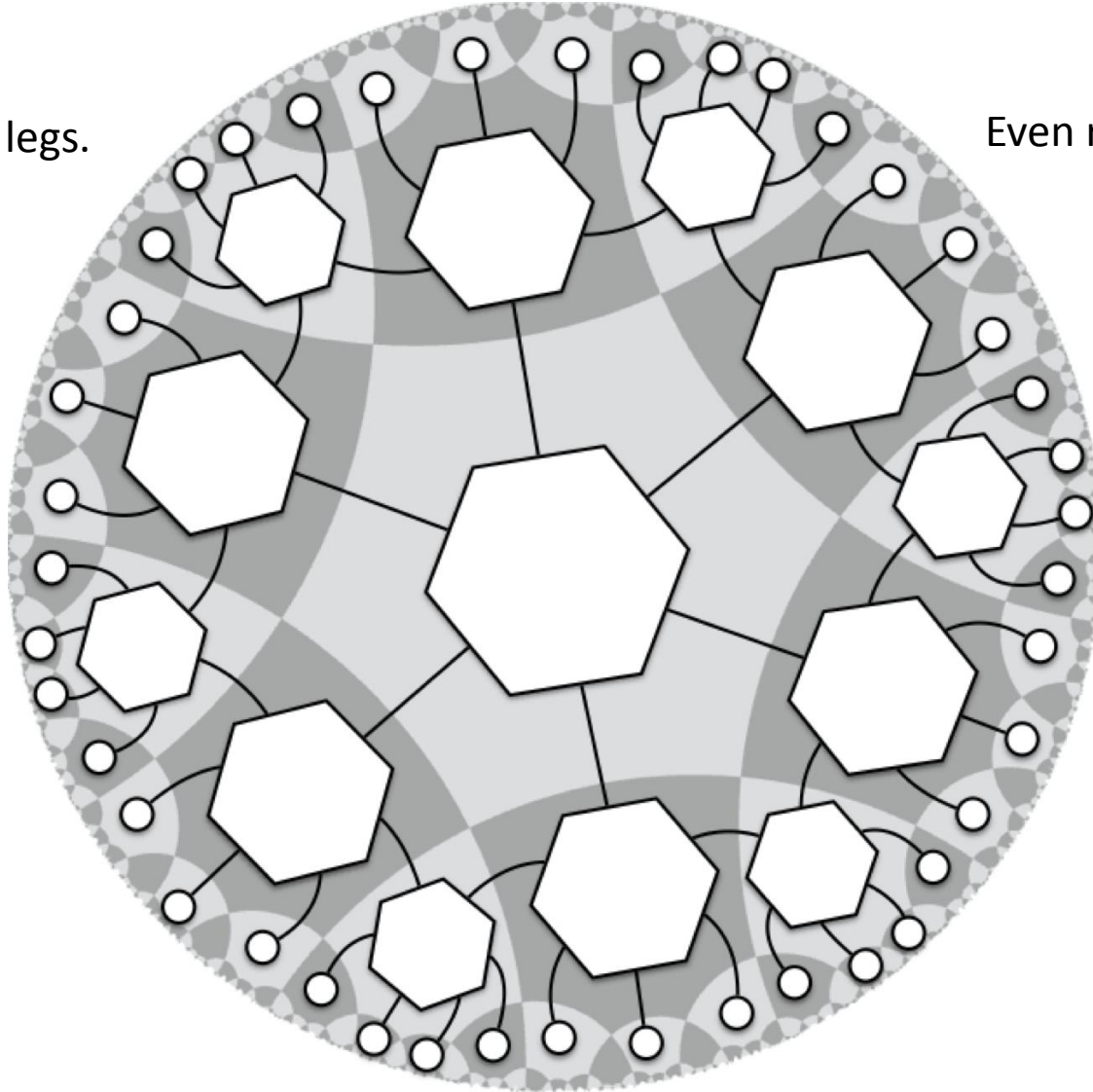


# Holographic state

(example lattice choice)

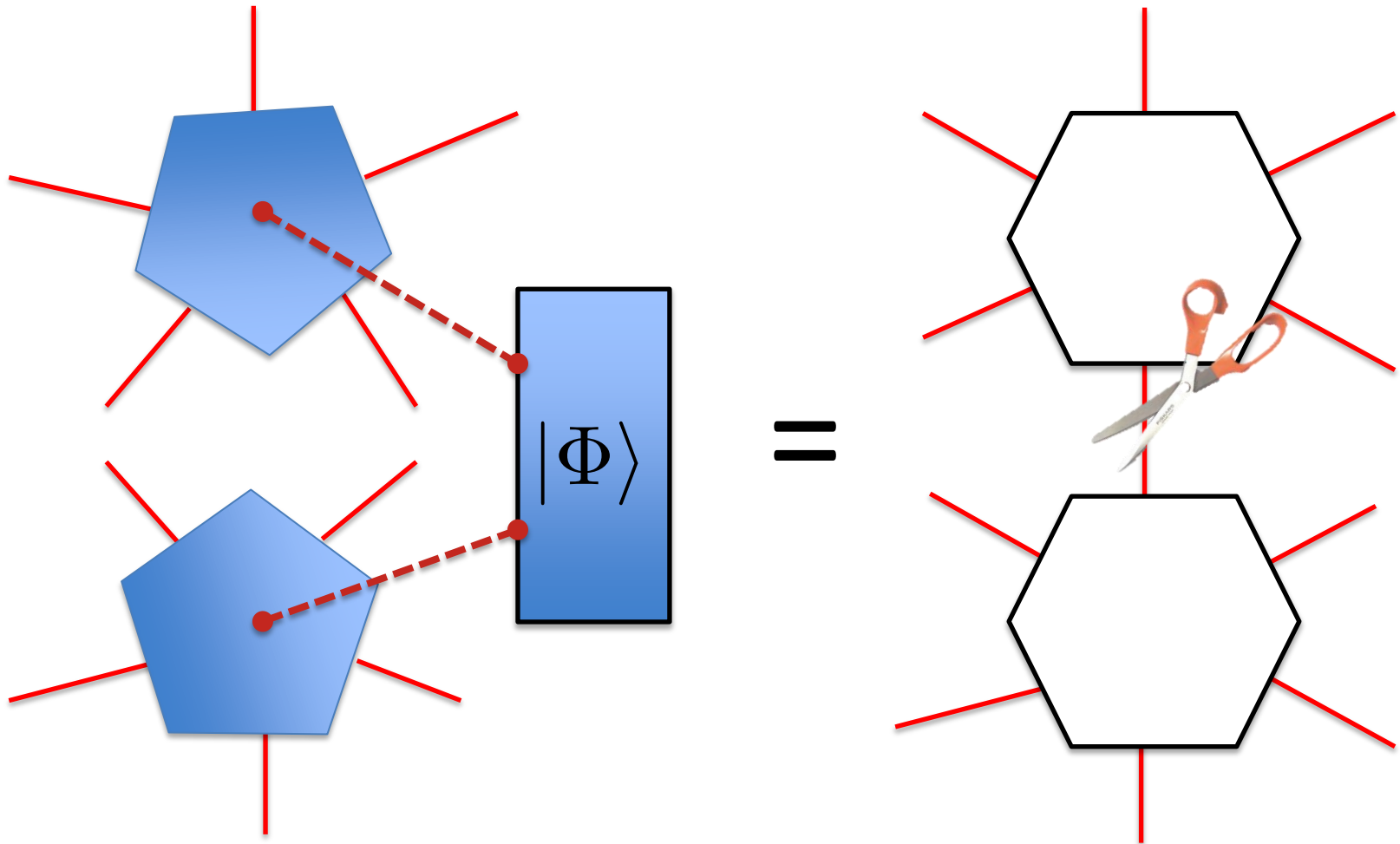
No bulk/logical legs.

Even rank tensors.



Ryu-Takayanagi  $\rightarrow$  Entanglement entropy = length of bulk geodesics.

# Connection between state & code

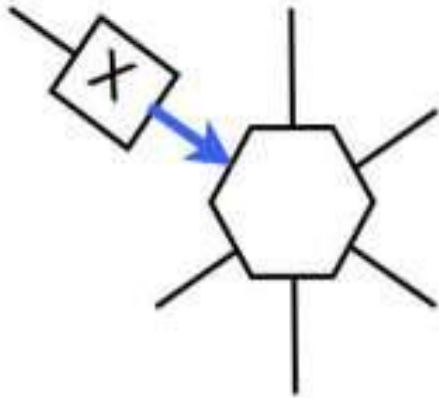


# Holographic codes

## Bulk reconstruction & the greedy wedge

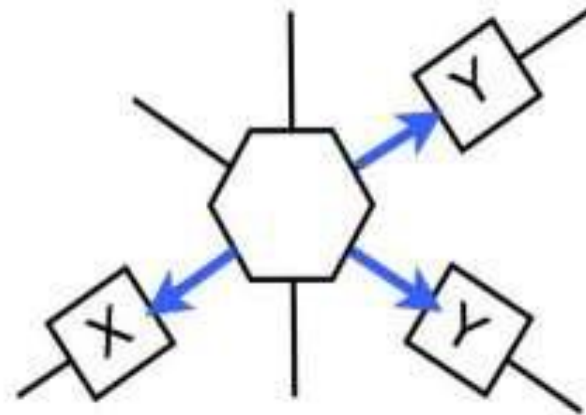
# Pauli pushing on Holographic Stabilizer tensors

injecting a Pauli operator  
into one tensor leg



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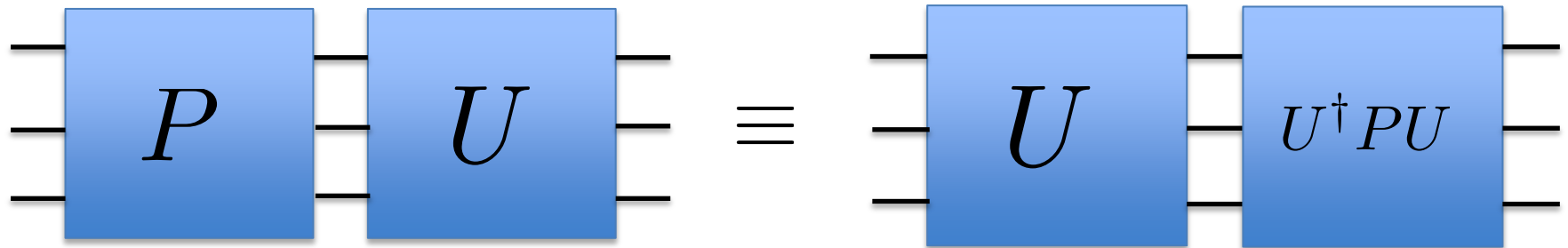
pushing into three  
tensor legs



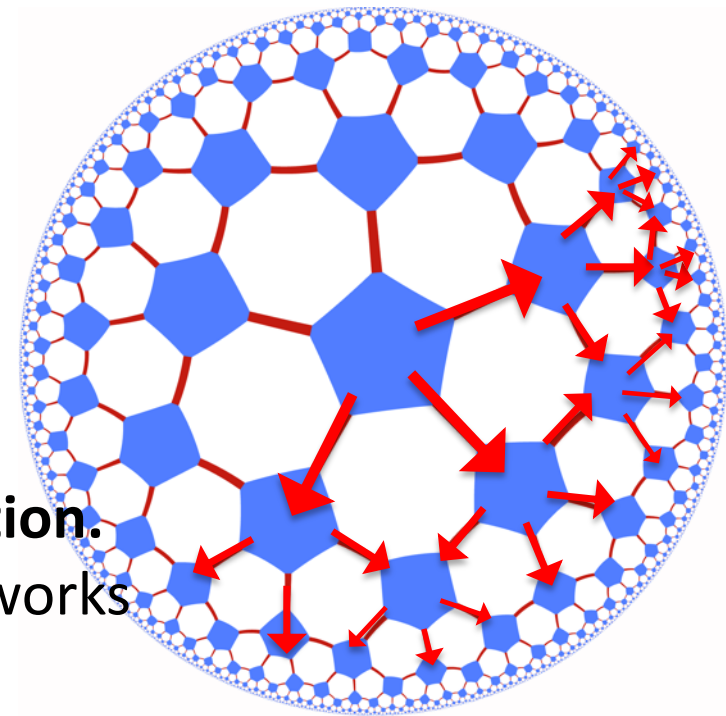
- Clifford case: Map Paulis to tensor product Paulis
- General case: Map single site operators to entangling operators.

# Holographic QECC

## Operator pushing



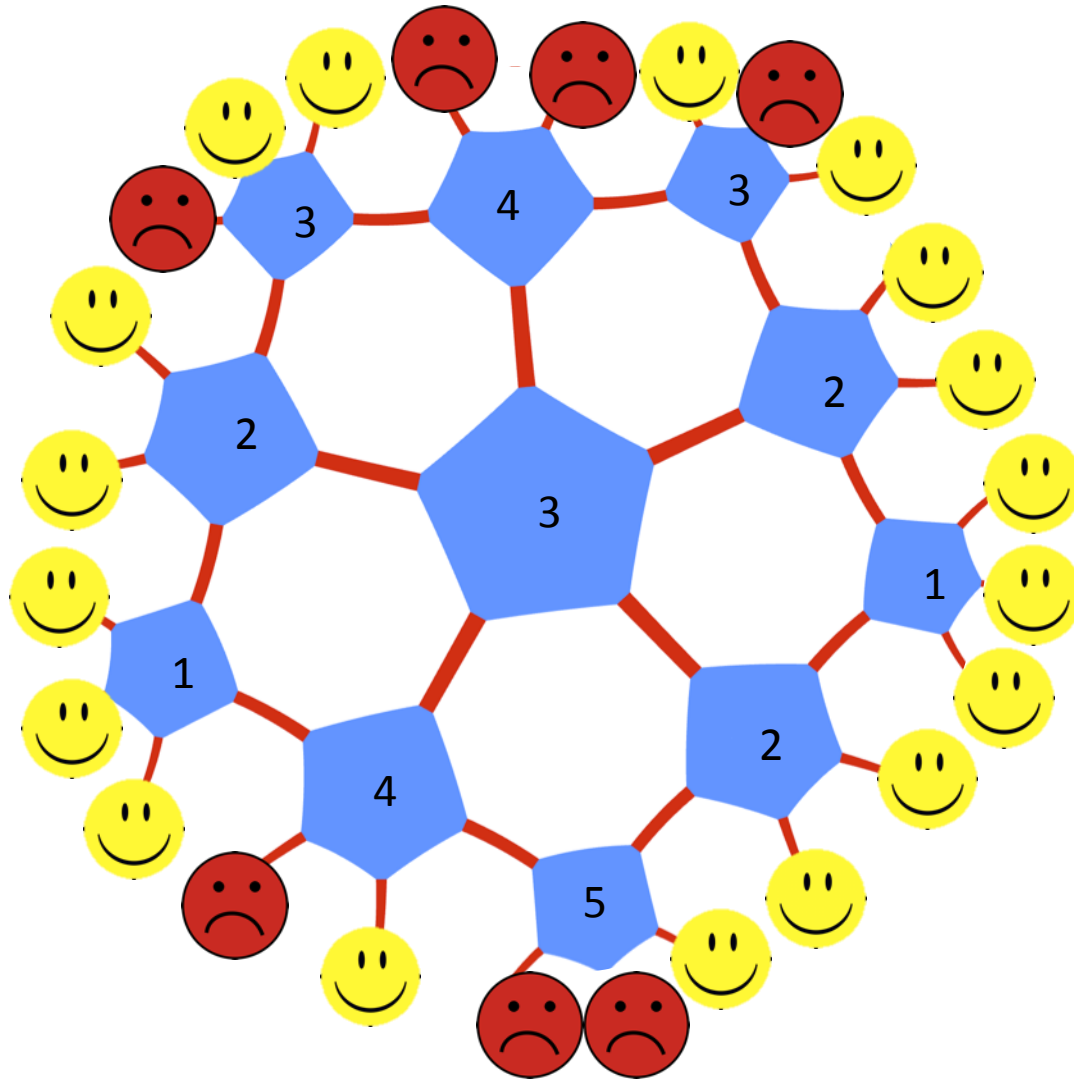
More out than in.  
 $\Rightarrow$   
Hyperbolic lattice



$U$  guarantees **Hermiticity & Norm preservation.**  
Otherwise, any pseudo-invertible operator works

# Greedy erasure recovery

(Dimension independent)



# Give me the stabilizers!

Holographic code: has bulk/logical legs.

Is the encoder normalized?

If we can build a DAG-Flux  
with all bulk as input.

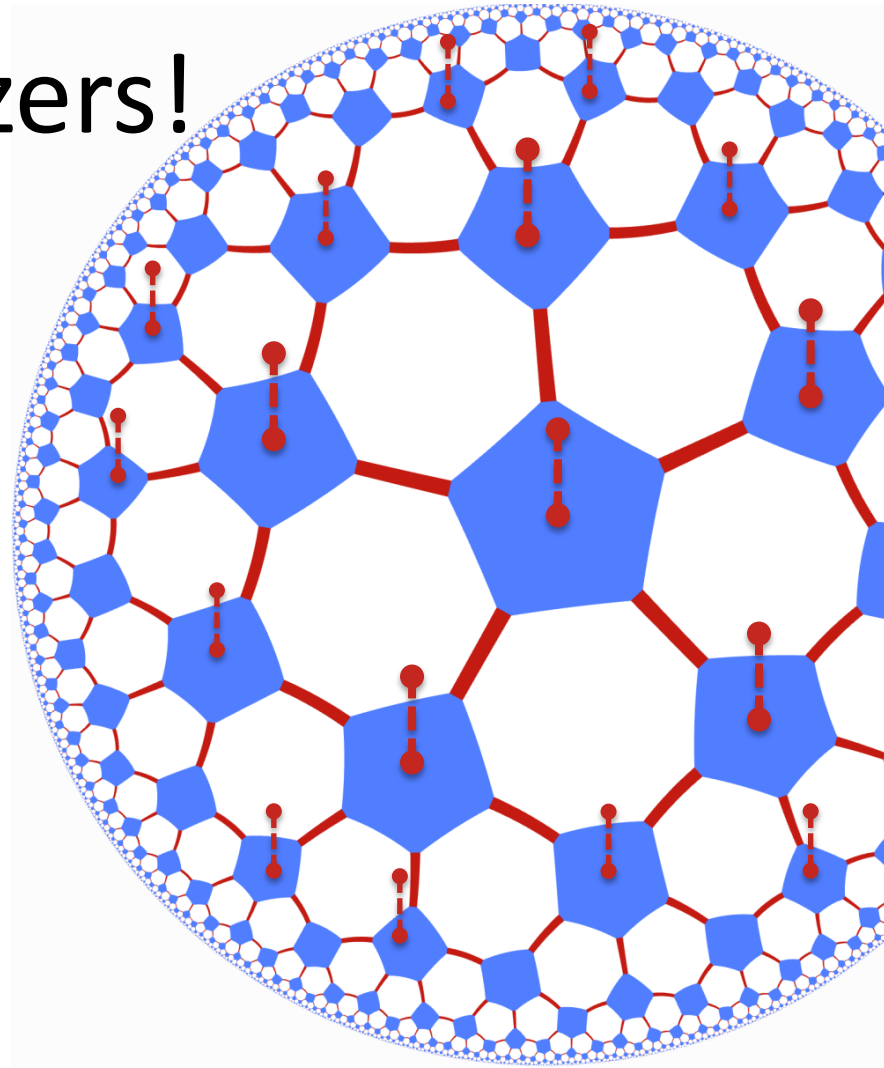
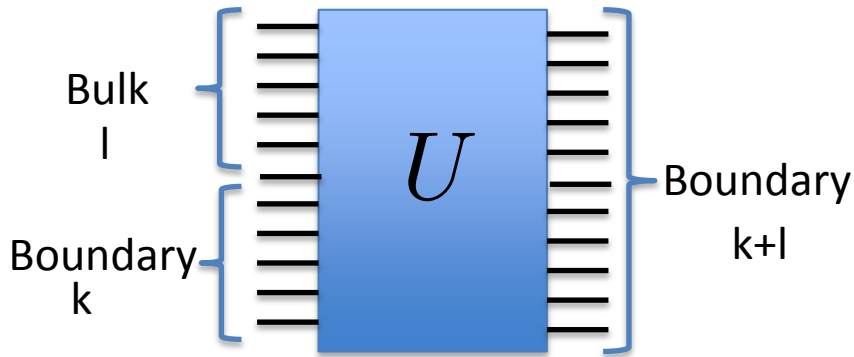


$$T = U$$

Iff greedy algorithm succeeds.

$$|\text{Boundary}| = 2k+1$$

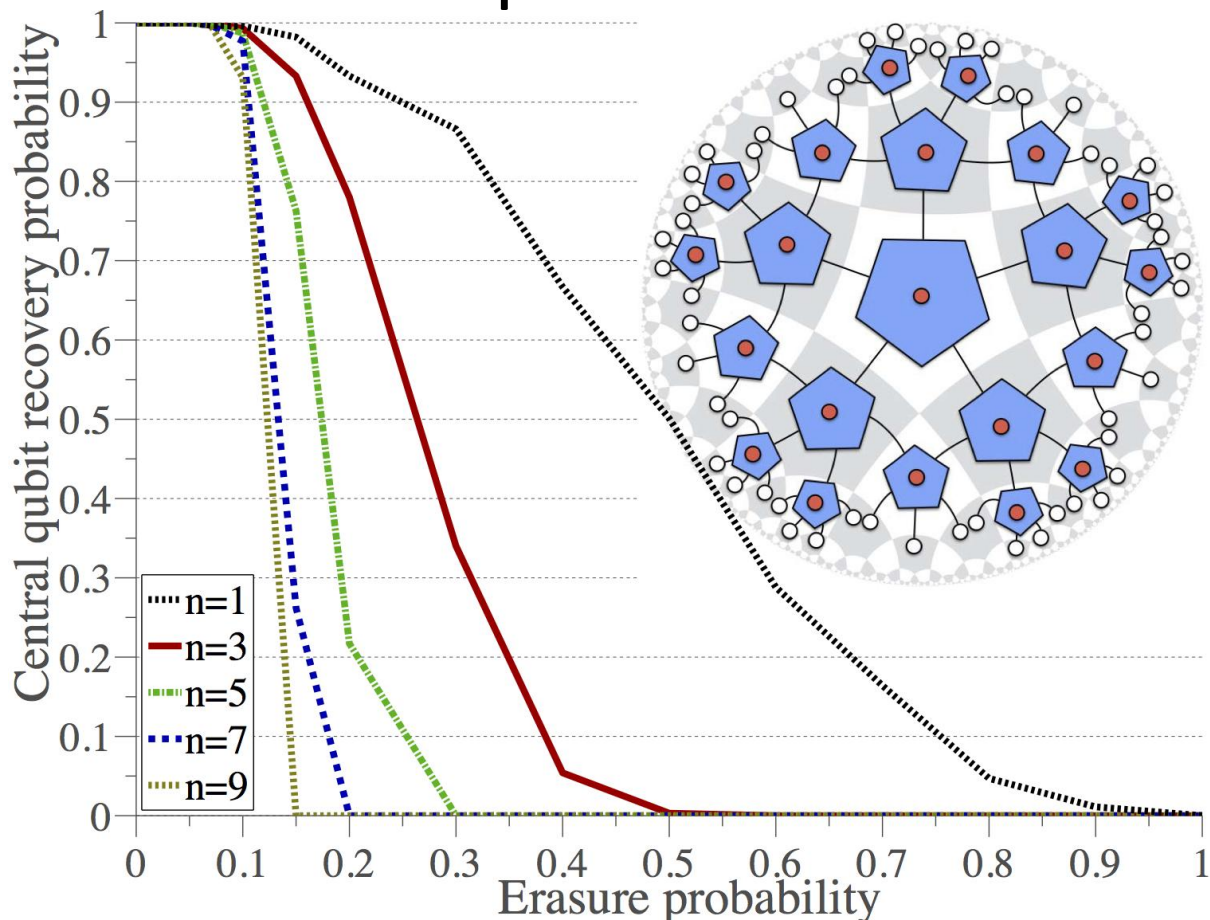
$$|\text{Bulk}| = l$$



$$\mathcal{S} = \langle X_j \otimes U^\dagger X_j^\dagger U, Z_j \otimes U^\dagger Z_j^\dagger U \rangle$$

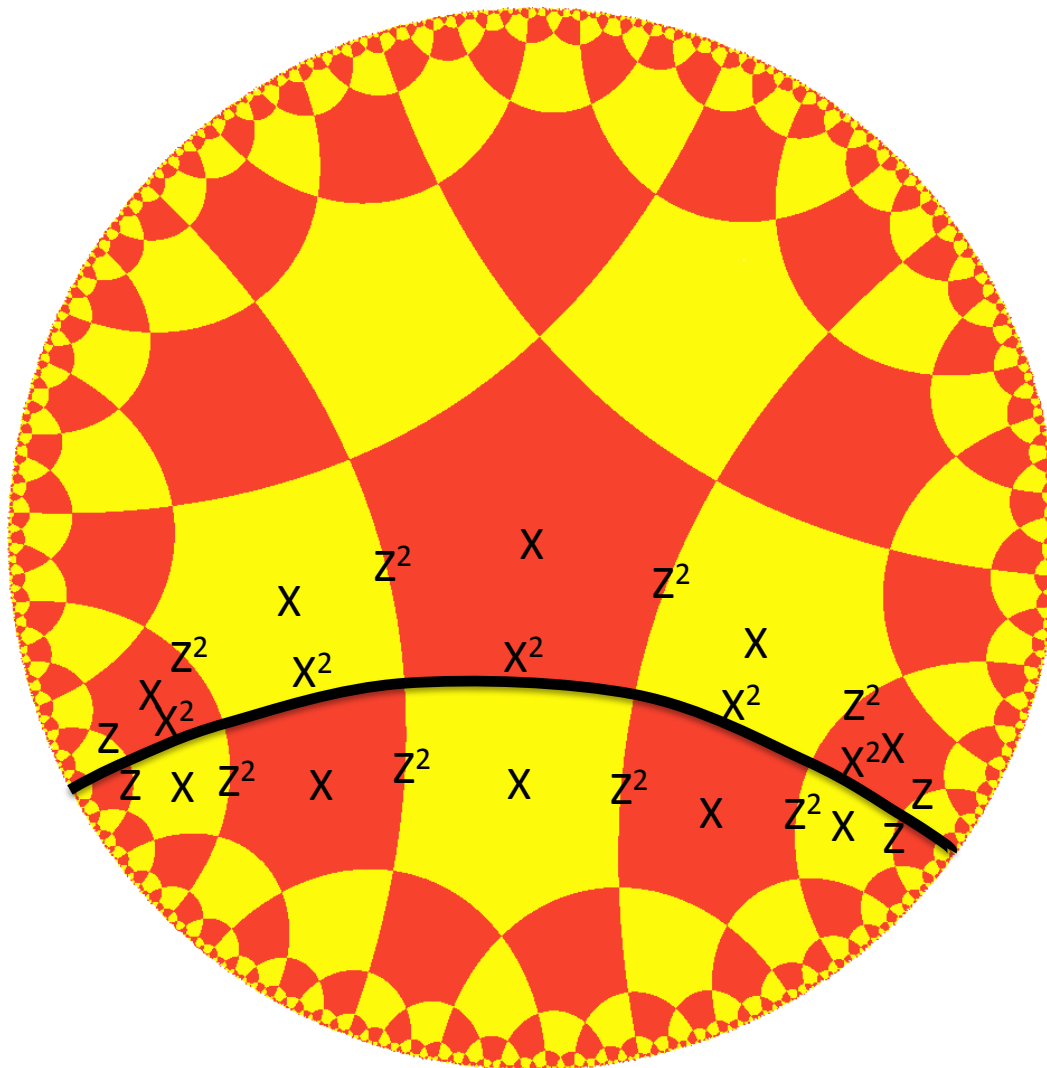
# Code property checklist

- Code distance = ( 3 for suburban logicals)
- Does the central qubit have a threshold?

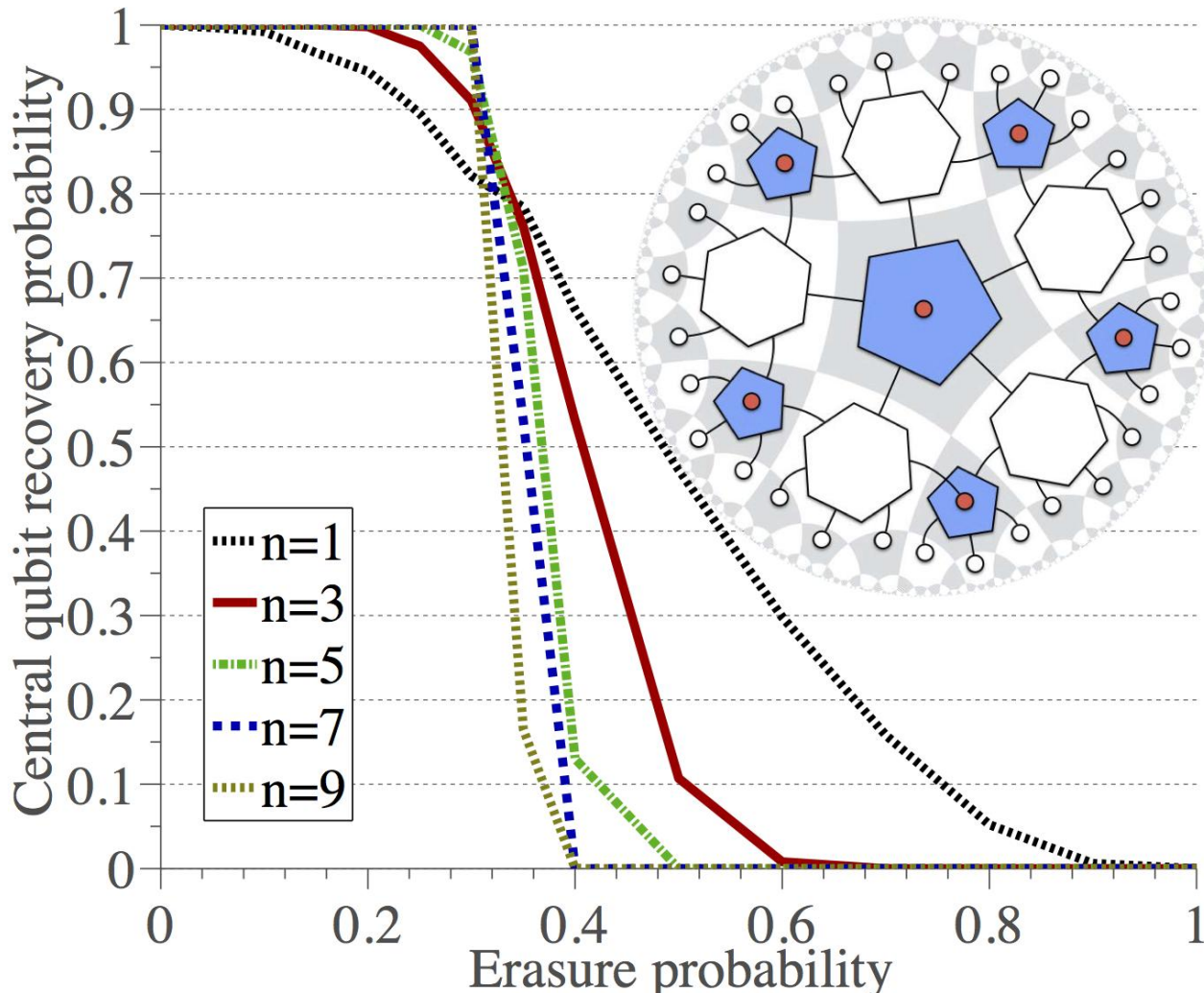




# Weight 4 logical ops. affecting downtown logicals



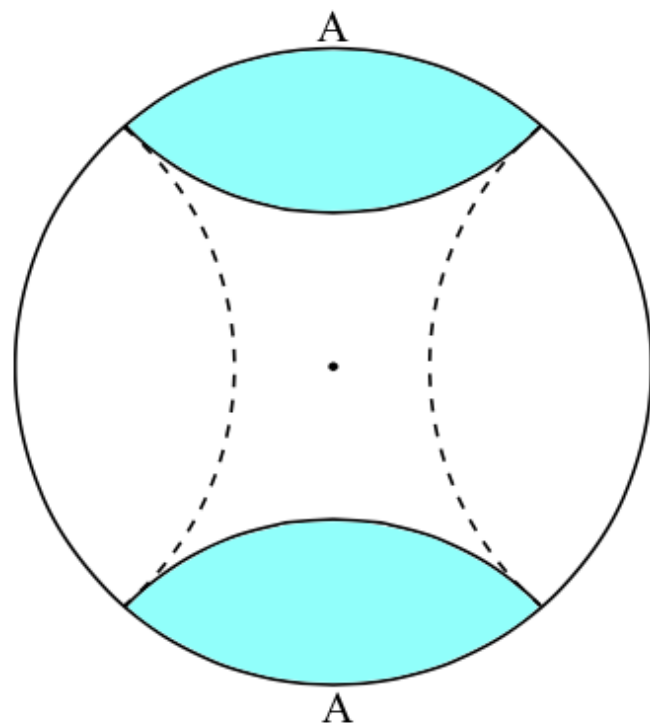
# Make the code less dense



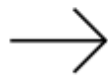
Pentagons and hexagons (4 polygons per vertex)

# Causal wedge

$$C[A] = C[A_1] \cup C[A_2]$$



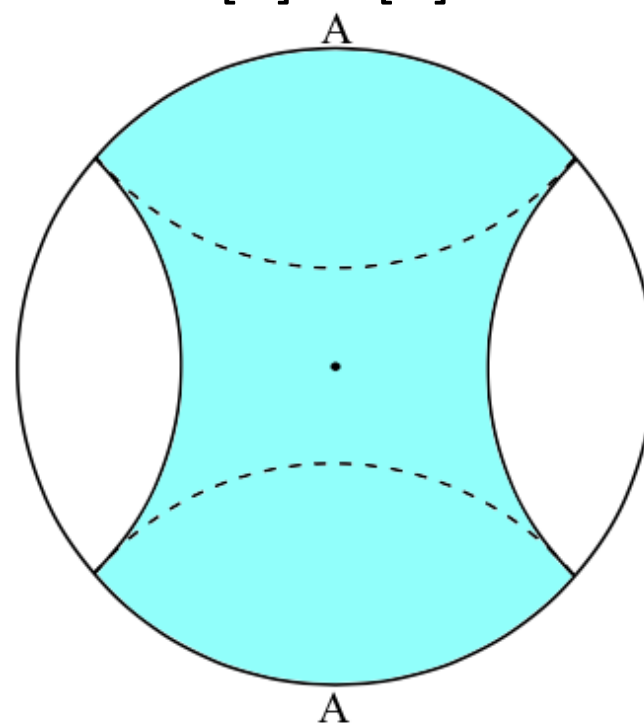
$$E[A] = C[A]$$



# Entanglement wedge

$$E^c[A] = E[A^c]$$

$$E[A] \geq C[A]$$

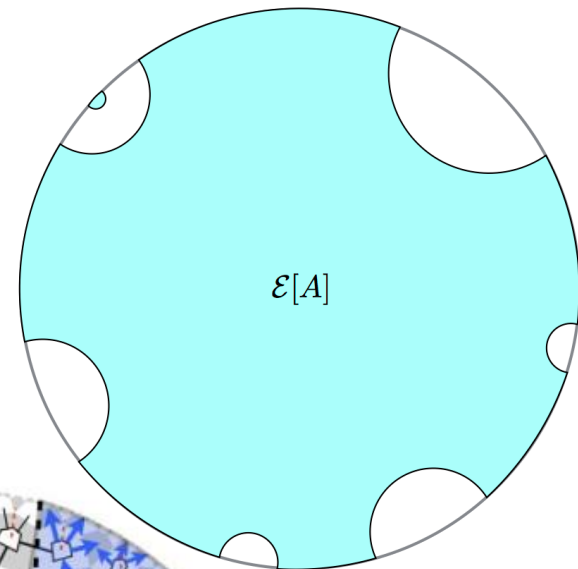
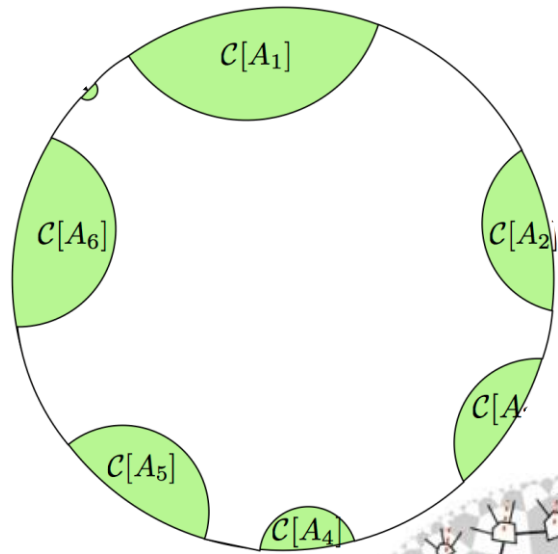


$$E[A] > C[A]$$

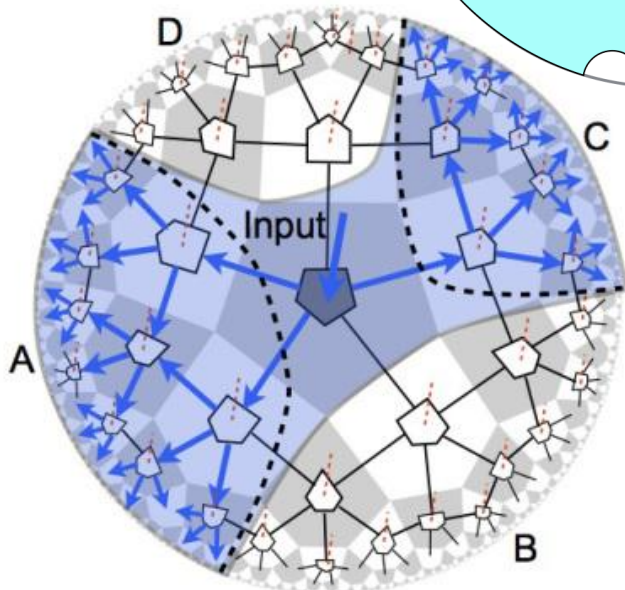
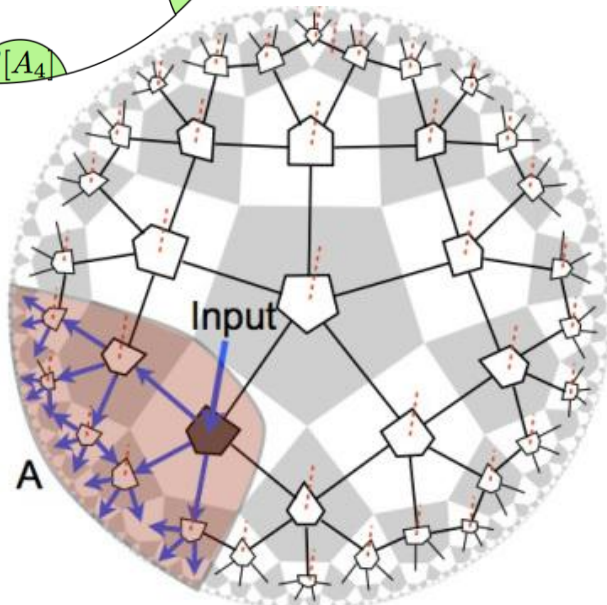
$$|E[A]| = |C[A]| + 2$$

# Causal wedge

# Entanglement wedge

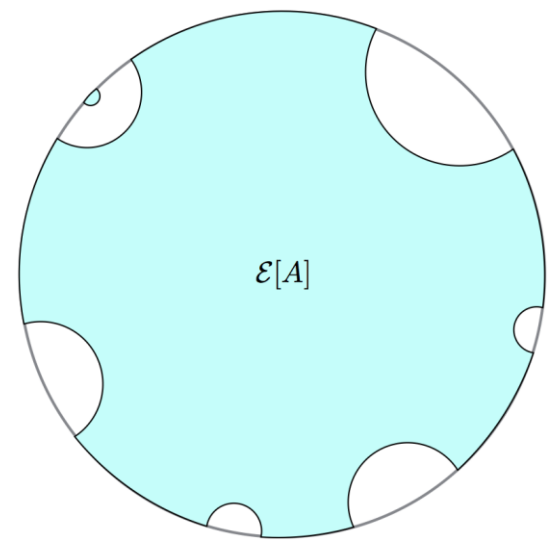
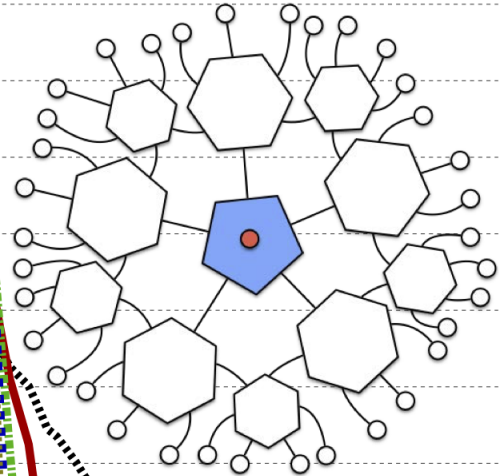
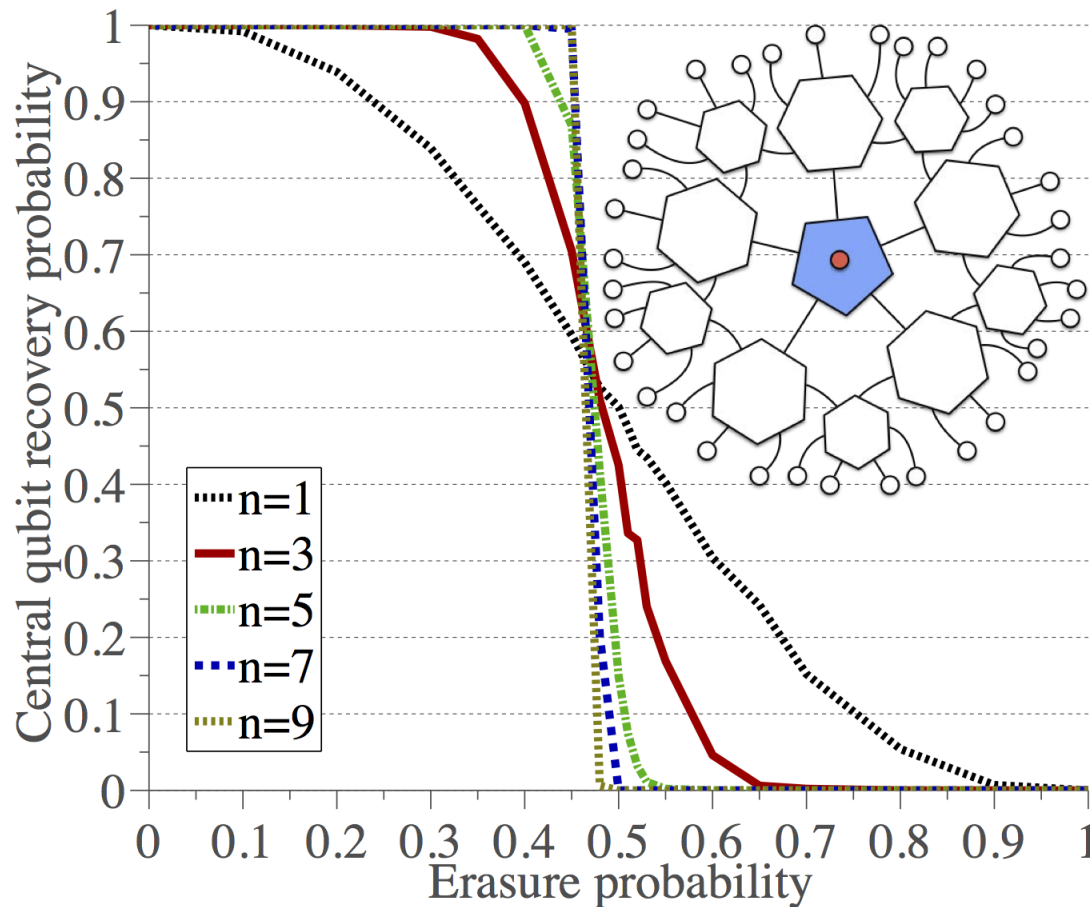


## Reconstruction Isometries



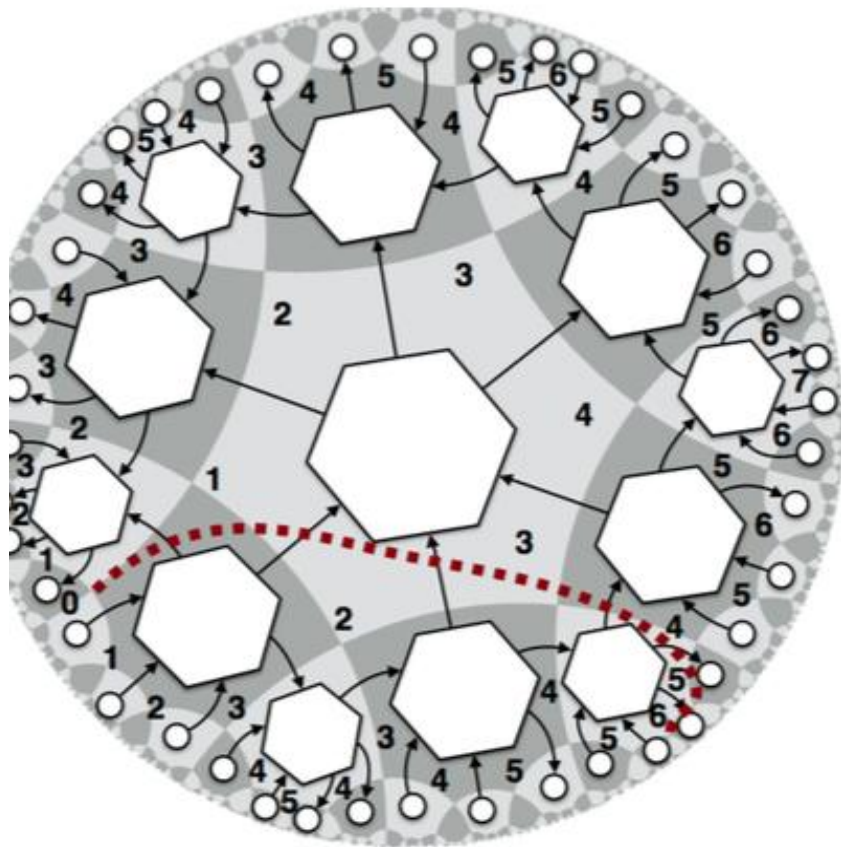
# Deep beyond the causal wedge

- Numerical greedy recovery threshold  $\sim 0.52$ .
- Actual threshold of 0.5?

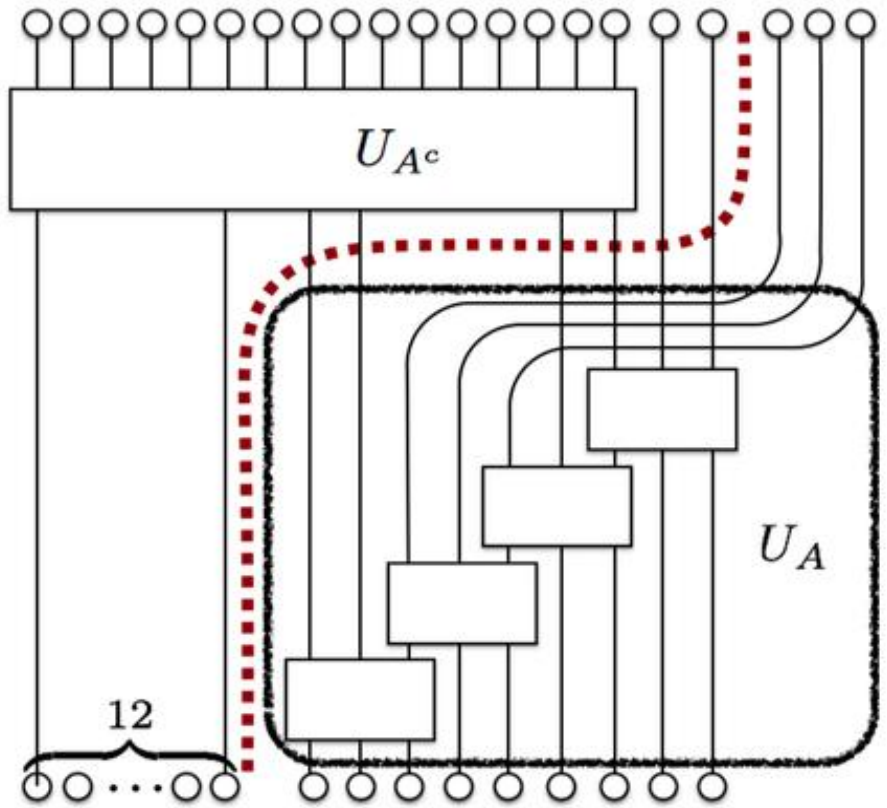


Holographic states  
and  
**Exact** Ryu-Takayanagi saturation

# Ryu-Takayanagi is saturated

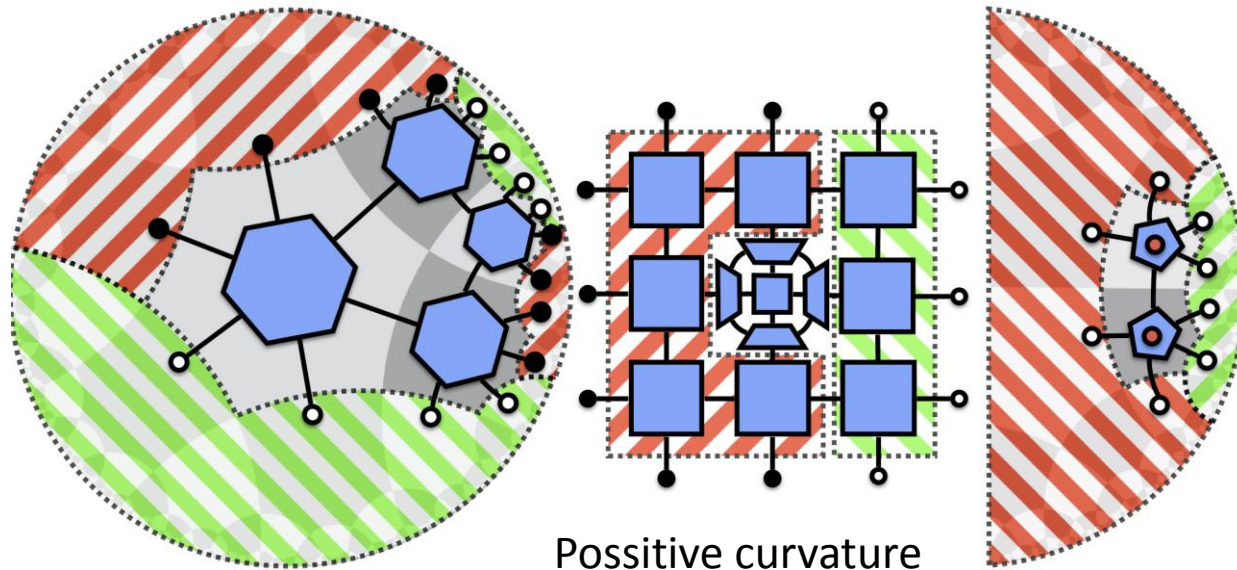


(a) Circuit interpretation construction



(b) Bulk operator reconstruction circuit

# Assumptions for RT saturation.



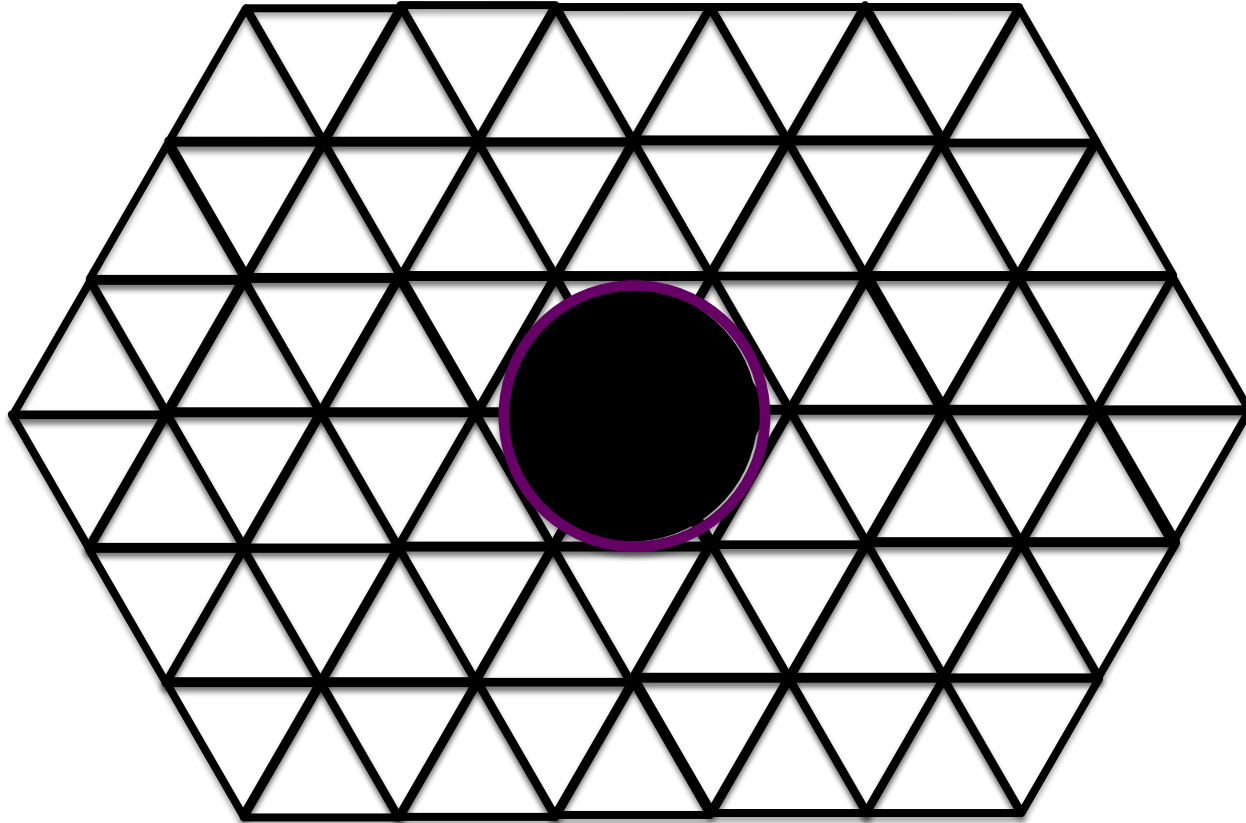
Multiple boundary components

Holographic **code**

- Simple 2D graph structure
- Single connected boundary component.
- Non-positive graph theoretic curvature. (Flat space allowed)
- Holographic state (not code with bulk inputs)



# Black holes and Bekenstein-Hawking



# Conclusions

- Illustrated power of perfect tensors
  - For constructing QECC
  - For providing toy connection of entanglement and geometry
- Constructed a family of holographic codes
  - Bulk locality
  - Erasure recovery possible (beyond causal wedge)
- Constructed holographic “vacuum” states
  - Proved exact Ryu-Takayanagi entanglement entropy

